

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer.**

Jackie Langwith, representing the Legislative Service Bureau (LSB), provided a presentation of P.A. 141 of 2000 (the Customer Choice and Electricity Reliability Act). Topics reviewed included: Three segments of the electric industry; three U.S. grids; power plants (base load plants and peaking plants); state and federal jurisdiction of the electric industry; restructuring in Michigan; key provisions of PA 141; the purposes of PA 141; grid reliability; and an adequate generation residential rates comparison.

Questions and discussed followed.

The Chair laid HB 4064 and HB 4280 before the Committee.

HB 4064    Nofs                      Income tax; other; home heating credit fund; establish.

HB 4280    Accavitti                      Income tax; checkoff; home heating credit fund; provide for check-off option.

Vice-Chair Mayes assumed the Chair.

Representative Nofs and Chair Accavitti reviewed the contents of HB 4064 and HB 4280 with the Committee and answered questions.

Lee Schwarz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, spoke in support of the bills.

Cards were submitted by:

Nancy Moody and Winston Feeheley, representing DTE Energy, in support  
Elaine Tycocki, representing SEMCO Energy, in support  
Bill Knox, representing the AARP, in support  
Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, in support

Larry Steckleberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4280 and HB 4064.

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Accavitti requested that no action be taken by the Committee at this meeting to allow for additional work on the bills.

Chair Accavitti returned to the Chair.

The Chair laid HR 33 and HCR 5 before the Committee.

HR 33      Ebli                      A resolution to urge the President and Congress of the United States to appropriate additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

HCR 5      Ebli                      A concurrent resolution to urge the President and Congress of the United State to appropriate additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Representative Ebli spoke to the Committee regarding the contents of HR 33 and HCR 5.

Representative Angerer made a motion to report HR 33 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Accavitti, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (16/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: Representative Huizenga. (1/19) (16/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Brown made a motion to report HCR 5 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Accavitti, Angerer, Brown, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (15/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: Representative Huizenga. (1/19) (15/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Cards in support of HR 33 and HCR 5 were submitted by:

Nancy Moody and Winston Feeheley, representing DTE Energy  
Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference  
Bill Knox, representing the AARP

Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)

Bob Nelson, representing THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund)

Elaine Tycocki, representing SEMCO Energy, submitted a card indicating support for HCR 5.

Representative Nofs made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2007. Without objection, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:14 a.m.

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Representative Frank Accavitti, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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